

Act 87 of 1963 (Ark. Code 2-33-101)

**EMERGENCY RULE
TO PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION OF
CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) IN CERVIDS**

Having found that chronic wasting disease (CWD) poses an imminent peril to the public welfare and safety, the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission adopts the following emergency rule without notice or hearing effective May 10, 2002.

The Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission is hereby suspending the importation of deer and elk into Arkansas from any states until further notice. This action is taken in view of CWD, a fatal brain-wasting disease that has been detected in eight (8) states. Action must be initiated to prevent the potential introduction of chronic wasting disease into Arkansas' cervid population.

This emergency rule will remain in effect for 120 days. During such time, the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission will advertise and conduct a public hearing with the purpose of considering the adoption of a permanent rule to address the importation of cervids.

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